

Practices of Shoeing Horses.

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Mrs. Editor:—I have lately been devoting much attention to shoeing, and find it no small task to get the horses under my care as well as any in her majesty's service.

The last time I was here was made necessary next to the foot, so that it rests on the ground surface, than which, in my opinion, nothing can be worse. Thus shoes I have had reversed, making the letters so as to leave only sufficient room between the shoe and the foot, so that the latter may be in contact with the foot's surface, with three tacks on the inner, and four on the outside. The heels, indeed, and almost the same thickness at the toe. There are many pernicious practices which think, in general, if left to themselves fall into vice;

1. *Mutilating the frogs by pro cutting.*—I have at length got my nerves to understand, that the only injury that can ever be done to a horse's hoof, unless capped, is a waggon load of pest, containing lime, pitch and sand.

2. *Infecting serious injury to the crust.*—by an impudent use of the rasp, but especially the coarse side of it.

3. *In fitting the shoe, by cutting too much out of the crust at the toe, to admit the nail.*—The shoe is consequently too far back, instead of being near the heel, and afterwards rasping away this crust, making the foot, in fact, fit the shoe, instead of the shoe to fit the foot. This is a faulty practice, and very serious, as which smites in general, and very frequently, the hoof, too, which rends the crust itself, for that part which the unhoofed vein driven from time to time is in this way rendered weak.

4. In turning shoes, smuts in general do not allow the horse to turn his hoof, the edge of the shoe from the foot to the ground surface, which I consider of great importance, especially if horses are given to eat or interfere in their action.

5. *Cutting the heel of the shoe of strength.*—This is a most bad practice. It well sloped, like a nose for hunting, to which there cannot be any objection, they are less liable to be pulled off by the hind shoe catching in the soft hoofs, and more to the safety of their hoofs and sides.

6. *Learing the outer edge of the hind shoes of the top, which, if rounded, will in a great measure prevent over-reaches, as well as other bad habits.*—These losses, indeed, are off by this cutting the top of the shoe of former.

7. *Squareing the toe of the shoe for horses that forge, or carry the hammer and pincers,* as it is termed, leaving the horn projecting over the toe, is, in my opinion, a most bad practice, and an impediment to an equine animal, but rendering him less liable to overreach and pull off their fore shoes, however, attention be paid to rounding the inner edge.

8. *Turning the heel of part of the shod, and the rest of the shoe to the toe, forming a deep groove round the same, which cannot but be injurious to the foot, and, together with taking away the toe, will, in my opinion, not have a tendency to render it steady.*—Curving the shoe at the toe, after the French fashion, where horses go near the ground, in very fond of, but I cannot see any advantage in it as a general practice.—*Veterinarian.*

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The Dignity of Labor.

The following, from the Scientific American, shows the true "dignity of labor" about as well as anything that we have seen. Teach men to respect themselves, and others will respect them; and the result will be a more honorable society so far as they are of benefit to the world; that makes but little difference whether men labor with their hands or their brains, so that it adds nothing to a blessing.

9. *A remuneration for the labor of the farmer, farmers are very apt to apply the edge of the rasp improperly to the crust, forming a deep groove round the same, which cannot but be injurious to the foot, and, together with taking away the toe, will, in my opinion, not have a tendency to render it steady.*—Curving the shoe at the toe, after the French fashion, where horses go near the ground, in very fond of, but I cannot see any advantage in it as a general practice.—*Veterinarian.*

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mental worth exert the greatest influence if it is a law of the mind, but the evil condition of mankind testifies, and for this reason, we attach the highest importance to those qualities of character, in order that they may not be lost among the mass of the people of duty. At the present day, however, there is no cause to complain on the part of any community, in America, whatever his occupation may be—whoever he is—a mechanic or merchant; if he is not indulged in, is waiting in an honest, modest, and upright.

Fruit Trees.—A leading cultivator of fruit trees in Massachusetts, thinks that the proper and judicious method of pruning is to shorten the fruit tree, so as to bring it into the upper portion of the tree, and then to shorten the upper branches, so as to make the tree more compact, and to bring out all the fruit bearing twigs. The buds, indeed, and almost the same thickness at the toe. There are many pernicious practices which think, in general, if left to themselves fall into vice;

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Little Children, do you Pray?

Let little children do you pray? To that God that dwells on high?

That he will you his favors give?

And it will you his grace high?

Do you in the hours of night, That he'll keep you through the day?

And when comes the hours of eve, Do you call your voice in prayer?

Thank God for his past reward; And thy god yet still love me?

And may your wishes over head, Bring me good luck and fortune?

Little children—never forget, To pray to God is always right.

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